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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. WILL GREECE DENOUNCE GENEVA AGREEMENT? BOTH ATHENS RADIO AND THE GREEK PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 2 THAT GREECE IS PREPARED TO DENOUNCE THE GENEVA CYPRUS AGREEMENT IF TURKEY CONTINUES TO VIOLATE IT, AND IS READY TO PROCEED WITH "OTHER STEPS" IF ANKARA DOES NOT COMPLY. FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES APPLICATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE ISLAND. (TICKER)

2. CYPRUS TALKS--SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE QUERIES US PLANS: IN A CALL MADE AT SOVIET REQUEST, AMBASSADOR MININ QUESTIONED US AMBASSADOR DALE ON AMBASSADOR BUFFUM'S PLANS WITH REGARD TO THE AUGUST 8 NEGOTIATIONS. WHEN TOLD THAT AMBASSADOR BUFFUM MIGHT NOT RETURN AT ALL, MININ WAS VISIBLY DISTURBED AND CONFESSED IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO REMAIN IF AMBASSADOR SECRET

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BUFFUM IS NOT PRESENT. MININ ALSO EXPRESSED CONSTER-

NATION THAT THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT INCLUDED NO VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR ITS "SOVEREIGNTY." (STATE)

2. AN ALL-PARTY COALITION IN THE UK? UNLESS ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVES ITS PRESENT STANDING IN PUBLIC OPINION POLLS, THE NEXT ELECTION IS UNLIKELY TO BE MORE CONCLUSIVE THAN THE LAST, MAKING PROSPECTS FOR STRONG GOVERNMENT IN BRITAIN GLOOMY. OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON HAS ASSESSED THE POSITIONS OF THE THREE LARGEST PARTIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALL-PARTY COALITION AS FOLLOWS:

--THE LIBERAL PARTY SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF A "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY," SINCE IT BELIEVES ONLY AN ALL-PARTY GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD.

--THE LABOR PARTY CATEGORICALLY REJECTS PARTICIPATION IN ANY KIND OF COALITION, BECAUSE THE PARTY WOULD THEN BE SPLIT INTO FACTIONS. THE CENTER WOULD BE SADDLED WITH THE NATION'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WHILE EXTREMISTS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT WOULD BE FREE TO SNIPE AWAY AND FEED ON POPULAR DISCONTENT.

--THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED THE PRINCIPLE OF COALITION--IT DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR HOSTILE TO THE IDEA OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BEING FORMED TO COPE WITH AN ECONOMIC CRISIS, BUT ALSO DOES NOT WANT TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSERVATIVE-LIBERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER THE NEXT ELECTION. (STATE)

3. IOANNIDIS RELIEVED OF ACTIVE DUTY: THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE GREEK ARMED FORCES ANNOUNCED AUGUST 2 THAT BRIG. GENERAL IOANNIDIS HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF ACTIVE DUTY FOR SIX MONTHS AT HIS OWN REQUEST. (TICKER)

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4. PANAMA CHIEF SPEAKS ON BANANA CONFLICT: IN A HARD-HITTING SPEECH TO LEADERS OF BANANA WORKERS' UNIONS AUGUST 1, GENERAL TORRIJOS SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAD BEEN SEEKING BANANA MARKETS AND WOULD, IF IT MUST, ACQUIRE BANANA COMPANIES. WHILE THE REFERENCE TO EXPROPRIATIONS AND THE FINDING OF MARKETS MAY BE BLUFF, THE OVERALL THRUST OF TORRIJOS' SPEECH INDICATES THAT

THE BANANA WAR CAN PROBABLY ONLY BE SETTLED WITH A
"VICTORY" IN WHICH IT CAN BE MADE TO APPEAR THAT UNITED

BRANDS HAD ACCEPTED AND WILL ABIDE BY PANAMA'S LAWS.
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